(presently in ruins), which is a classic example of Hindu-Islamic culture, situated in and around Srirangapatnam; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider including such monuments in the campaigns being launched to attract foreign and domestic tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism does wide publicity and promotion of tourists attractions and heritage sites in the country including the State of Karnataka through its publicity campaigns, literature and the official website and through its 20 Indiatourism offices in the country and 13 offices overseas.

Development of tourist circuit in Balasore district, Orissa

4407. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal to the Centre for the development of tourist circuit in Balasore district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State both financially and physically to develop infrastructure for the purpose to improve the economy of this region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A Project 'Integrated Development of Chandipur-Talasari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchalingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit' in District Balasore in Orissa has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for a total amount of Rs. 800.00 lakh.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all State Governments including Orissa and Union Territories for development and promotion of tourism. The list of projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan is given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
	2002-03	
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur	50.00
2.	Computerisation of office and its Groups	7.50
	TOTAL	**57.50**
	2003-04	
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
2.	Konark Festival, 2002	5.00
3.	Folk Dance Festival, 2003-04	5.00
4.	Rajarani Music Festival, 2003-04	5.00
5.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
	TOTAL:	**419.55**
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa - Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Indigenous Tourism Project at village Pipli, Puri Distt. (SW)	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Indigenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur, Puri Distt. (SW)	20.00

1	2	3
7.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Hardware)	50.00
	TOTAL:	**1339.18**
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	**447.22**
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	**460.96**
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam	**500.00**
4.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	72[illegible]09
5.	Development of Chilka Lake (Distt. Puri and Ganjam)	389.05
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL:	**2592.32**
	2006-07	
1.	Development of Simlipal in Distt. Mayurbhanj	297.12
2.	Puri Beach Festival, 2006	05.00
3.	Konark Festival, 2006	05.00
4.	Ekamra Utsav, 2007	10.00
5.	Shreekshetra Vasant Utsav, 2006	10.00
6.	Integrated Development of Chandipur-Talsari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchlingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit	800.00
7.	Development of Village Barpali, Distt. Baragarh, Rural Tourism	50.00
8.	Development of Village Hirapur, Distt. Khurda, Rural Tourism	50.00
9.	Development of Village Padmanavpur, Distt. Ganjam, Rural Tourism	50.00

1	2	3
10.	Development of Village Deulajhari, Distt. Angul, Rural Tourism	50.00
11.	Integrated Development of Koraput Circuit "Koraput-Deomali-Jeypore -Upper Kolab-Gupteshwar in Orissa	692.00
12.	Development of Eco-Tourism at Bhitarkanika	383.22
13.	Develoment of Satkosia as a Tourist Destination in Orissa	424.50
	TOTAL:	**2826.84**

Promotion of India's tourist trains

4408. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa State Tourism Corporation propose to market major tourist destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this State in their endeavour; and

(d) what is its action plan to promote India's tourist trains, particularly the Mahaparinirvana Buddhist Circuit trains?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) All States including Orissa are promoting their tourism products both in the Domestic and International markets. The Ministry of Tourism does promotion and marketing of tourist destinations in the country including Orissa, and of tourism products including tourist trains, through the publicity campaigns and production of publicity material. Information is also disseminated through the Ministry's website and through its offices in India and abroad.